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## **Emergency Order 012222**

### **Emergency Management—Tornadoes in Charlotte and Lee Counties**

#### **Pursuant to Executive Order 22-17**

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order (“EO”) 22-17, declaring a state of emergency in Charlotte and Lee Counties due to a severe weather system that impacted portions of Southwest Florida on January 16, 2022, generating heavy rain, thunderstorms, strong straight-line winds, and two confirmed tornadoes of EF-1 and EF-2 strengths, resulting in widespread power outages and damage, and displacing at least 300 individuals from their homes.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in EO 22-17 granted the State Coordinating Officer with the authority to suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with the emergency.

**WHEREAS**, state law imposes statutory fees associated with the replacement of driver licenses, identification cards, vehicle and vessel registrations and titles, license plates, validation stickers and disabled parking permits.

**WHEREAS**, there is unpreventable loss of driver licenses, identification cards, vehicle and vessel registrations and titles, license plates, validation stickers and disabled parking permits due to the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, replacement driver licenses, identification cards, vehicle and vessel registrations and titles, license plates, validation stickers and disabled parking permits need to be issued due to no fault of individuals affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERRY L. RHODES**, Executive Director of the Department, pursuant to the authority granted by the State Coordinating Officer pursuant to EO 22-17, promulgate the following Emergency Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I hereby waive replacement fees for driver license and identification card credentials pursuant to section 322.21, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their driver license or identification card.

Section 2. I hereby waive replacement fees for vehicle registrations pursuant to section 320.0607, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their vehicle registration(s).

Section 3. I hereby waive replacement fees for vehicle titles pursuant to section 319.32, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their vehicle title(s).

Section 4. I hereby waive replacement fees for disabled parking permits pursuant to section 320.0848, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their disabled parking permit(s).

Section 5. I hereby waive replacement fees for vessel registrations pursuant to section 328.72, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their vessel registration(s).

Section 6. I hereby waive replacement fees for vessel titles pursuant to section 328.11, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their vessel title(s).

Section 7. I hereby waive replacement fees for license plates and validation stickers pursuant to sections 320.06, 320.0607 and 320.0609, F.S., for any customer adversely affected by the severe weather system that impacted Charlotte and Lee Counties on January 16, 2022, in a way that caused the customer to lose their license plate(s) and validation sticker(s).

Section 8. All such waivers applied with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Emergency Order issued under the authority of EO 22-17 are ratified. This Emergency Order takes effect immediately and shall expire at midnight on March 22, 2022, or on the rescission or expiration of this Emergency Order or EO 22-17, whichever is earlier.

Executed this 22rd day of January, 2022.

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*Terry Rhodes*

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TERRY L. RHODES, Executive Director  
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles